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Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

Note by the Secretary-General

1. As indicated in document A/67/101 of 20 March 2012, the General Assembly will be required to appoint, at its current session, five persons to fill the vacancies that will occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for a three-year term of office beginning on 1 January 2013.

2. The following persons have been nominated by their respective Governments for appointment or reappointment:

Joseph Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin)

Jasminka Dinić (Croatia)

Conrod Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda)

Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana)

Mohanad Ali Omran (Iraq)

George Morara Orina (Kenya)

Babou Sene (Senegal)

Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea)

3. The candidates' curricula vitae follow (see annex).

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Annex

Curricula vitae*

Joseph V. Acakpo-Satchivi (Benin)

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Supported by the African Union

A rich experience in the service of the United Nations

Since January 2008: Member of the United Nations Committee on Contributions

August 2004-September 2006: Chief of Staff of the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire

July 1992-February 2003: Secretary of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly and the Committee for Programme and Coordination

June 1987-July 1992: Secretary of the Committee for Programme and Coordination of the Economic and Social Council

October 1980-July 1992: Secretary of intergovernmental and expert bodies dealing with social and economic affairs and of various conferences and summits, for example the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (Milan, 1985, and Havana, 1990), the Ministerial Meeting on the creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme (Versailles, France, 1991), the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 1992), the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council

Higher education

Bachelor's degree in law and political science, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Université d'Orléans, France (October 1969)

Diploma, International Institute of Public Administration, Diplomacy Section, Paris (December 1970)

Practical diplomatic training

Practical diplomatic training acquired at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Paris (France), the United Nations Office at Geneva and the French Embassy in Austria (1970)

United Nations People Management Training Programme, undertaken in July 1996 in Glen Cove, New York, and in June 2005 in Nicosia, Cyprus

* Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Diplomatic experience

Since September 2007: Adviser of the delegation of Benin to the Fifth Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Questions) of the General Assembly

March-September 2004: Special Adviser of the delegation of Benin to the Security Council

November 1980: Member of the delegation responsible for mediation activities during the Iran-Iraq conflict

January-December 1976: Plenipotentiary representative of Benin to the Security Council

September 1973-December 1976: Participated in meetings of the United Nations General Assembly, the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and the Third United Nations Conference on the Law of the Sea (December 1973)

February 1974-August 1976: Head of administrative and financial services, Permanent Mission of Benin to the United Nations, New York

February-August 1973: Deputy Director of the Department for International Organizations and Technical Assistance, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

June 1972-February 1973: Special Assistant to the Secretary-General for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

January 1971: Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cotonou

Other activities

Expert adviser to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation and representative of the United Nations at the Foundation's various conferences in Tokyo (1992), Kuala Lumpur (1993), Manila (1994), Bangkok (1995), Seoul (1996), Tokyo (1997), New Delhi (1998), Beijing (2000) and Guangzhou, China (2001)

Jasminka Dinić (Croatia)

- Born in Rab, Croatia

Work experience

2010-Present: Member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

2006-2009: Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations-New York

Minister Counsellor

- Fifth Committee, General Assembly Plenary, United Nations reform, Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Economic and Social Council Commissions

2003-2006: Embassy of the Republic of Croatia to the United Kingdom-London

Minister Counsellor

- Bilateral issues, economic affairs

2001-2003: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zagreb, Croatia

Counsellor — Minister Counsellor

- Bilateral affairs at the Department for neighbouring countries

1997-2001: Permanent Mission of Croatia to the United Nations-New York

Counsellor

- Fifth and Second Committee, Economic and Social Council (New York, 1998, 2000), Economic and Social Council Commissions, General Assembly Special Sessions (nineteenth-twenty-fourth)
- Observer to the meetings of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund and UNICEF
- Vice-Chair of the Commission for Social Development in 2000
- Vice-Chair of the Fifth Committee for the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly
- Participating in negotiations and drafting of United Nations resolutions related to financing, social development, science and technology, humanitarian issues, United Nations operational activities for development

1995-1997: Ministry of Foreign Affairs Zagreb, Croatia

Head of United Nations development issues and International Organization Department

- Coordination, organization and supervision of operational activities, preparing various memoranda and analysis for Minister and Cabinet
- Member of Croatian delegation at the fiftieth and fifty-first sessions of the General Assembly, the World Summit for Social Development (Copenhagen, 1995), Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, 1996), the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (Vienna,

1996), the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Istanbul, 1996) and Economic and Social Council sessions (New York, 1996, Geneva, 1997)

1992-1995: Ministry of Foreign Affairs — Zagreb, Croatia

Adviser to the United Nations development issues and International Organizations Department

- Preparing papers and various correspondence related to United Nations peacekeeping operations in Croatia; contacts with international organizations, funds and programmes
- Member of the Croatian delegation at the forty-eighth and forty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly

1980-1992: Autocentar-Merkur — Zagreb, Croatia

Adviser — economist

- Developing market, market research, export-import, trade negotiation

Education

1974-1979	Faculty of International Trade, University of Zagreb Diploma in Economics
1993	Summer course at the Diplomatic Academy, Vienna
1994	32nd Geneva Summer Graduate Study Programme, United Nations Office at Geneva
1995	Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Zagreb

Languages

- Croatian (mother tongue), fluent in English and Italian
- Working knowledge of Spanish, German and French

Conrod C. Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda)

Ambassador

Deputy Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations

Conrod Hunte took up the post of Deputy Permanent Representative in August 2006 after a three-year leave from his Government. Mr. Hunte currently serves as the principal officer for the Fifth Committee.

Profile

Twenty-six years of professional experience in the Government Civil Service of Antigua and Barbuda, including 19 years in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Career highlights

Vice-Chair of the First Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), 2011

Chair of the Finance Committee of the Council of IRENA (2011-2012)

Chair of the Budget Committee for the Tenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity 2010, Nagoya, Japan

Coordinator of the Chair of the Group of 77 and China in 2008, New York

Convention on Biological Diversity liaison officer — Convention on Biological Diversity/United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (July 2003-July 2006)

Liaison officer for the Conventions in New York, responsible for maintaining closer linkage with delegations and organizations at United Nations Headquarters on matters related to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Assisted with the promotion of the common objectives of the secretariats of both Conventions on such relevant issues as dryland, subhumid, agriculture biological diversity and forest biodiversity. Developed and followed up on biodiversity-related aspects of the work of the Joint Liaison Group of the Rio Conventions in order to facilitate cooperation among the secretariats of the three Conventions both at the national and international levels. Also responsible for strengthening cooperation with other bodies at the United Nations, such as the Commission on Sustainable Development and the United Nations Forum on Forests and their secretariats, to facilitate the implementation of the joint programme of work between the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification.

Prior to serving as liaison officer, Mr. Hunte served as Minister Counsellor of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations, Head of Chancellery and sustainable development officer in the Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda in New York.

Mr. Hunte is a member of the National Coordinating Mechanism of Antigua and Barbuda, which is the national forum for the coordinated follow-up to all environmental conventions ratified by Antigua and Barbuda. The Mechanism is responsible for strengthening communication links between the relevant ministries and departments that are directly involved with the implementation of the Conventions and consists of a network of Government agencies/divisions, national focal points, competent authorities, and non-governmental organizations working

together to facilitate a coordinated and timely response to the various treaty obligations. Specific responsibilities include developing national positions for and participating in negotiations at the international level on matters related to biodiversity and biosafety, drought and desertification and other aspects of sustainable development.

Duties:

- Representative of the Fifth Committee
- Coordination of staff in the various United Nations committees
- Digital information management specialist: oversee the development of site-specific content and provide technical oversight for the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Permanent Mission to the United Nations and the National Coordinating Mechanism
- Compilation and planning of the yearly budget of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations
- Budget administration and programme planning
- Planning and administration of the computer systems infrastructure of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations

Education

Graduate of City University of New York — Management and Administration

Mr. Hunte holds several certificates in diplomacy:

Certificate: from the Academia Diplomática de Chile: Latin American and the Caribbean in the International System

Certificate from UNITAR — Negotiation of International Instruments

Certificate in Diplomacy and Informatics

Certificate in Disarmament and Peacekeeping

Certificate in International Development Issues from the Economic Development Institute

Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana)

Place and date of birth: 10 July 1968, Maitengwe, Botswana

Languages spoken: English, Setswana and Ikalanga (mother tongue)

Relevant work experience

2011-present	Chair, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
2008-2010	Vice-Chair, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
2004-present	Member, Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions
1998-2003	Progressively served as Third, Second, First Secretary and Counsellor (responsible for administrative and budgetary issues): Permanent Mission of Botswana to the United Nations
1998-2003	Representative of Botswana to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee during the fifty-third to fifty-eighth sessions of the General Assembly
September 2000-September 2001	Vice-Chair of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee during the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly
2001-2003	Representative of Botswana to the forty-first to forty-third sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
2002	Vice-Chair for the forty-second session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
1999 and 2000	Observer for Botswana to the thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions of the Committee for Programme and Coordination
2001-2003	Observer for Botswana to sessions of the Committee on Conferences
2001-2003	Coordinator of the African Group of Experts of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the General Assembly
1999-2000	Assistant Coordinator of the African Group of Experts of the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee of the General Assembly
1995-1998	Foreign Affairs Officer III and Desk Officer-in-Charge for the United Nations system organizations, the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries and the Global Coalition for Africa: International Relations Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Botswana
1997	Representative of Botswana (Adviser) to the Fifth (Administrative and Budgetary) Committee during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

International meetings and conferences

2003 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the thirteenth summit of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Kuala Lumpur

2002 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the twelfth Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, Durban, South Africa

1997 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the fifty-second session of the General Assembly

1997 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the twelfth Ministerial Conference of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, New Delhi

1997 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the sixteenth session of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlements, Nairobi

1996 Member of the delegation of Botswana to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, Turkey

Other training, workshops and seminars attended

2000 Participated in a workshop on the United Nations budgetary process, organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), New York

1999 Participated in a workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions, organized by UNITAR, New York

1997 Represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Botswana at a training seminar on the conduct of United Nations peacekeeping operations, organized by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes, Gaborone

1996 Represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Botswana at a record retention and disposal workshop for action officers, Gaborone

1996 Represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Botswana at a productivity seminar, Botswana National Productivity Centre, Gaborone

1996 Attended a computer training course, Institute for Development Management, Gaborone

1996 Attended the tenth professional course for foreign diplomats, Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi

Education

Master of Diplomacy and International Affairs, Euclid University, in progress

BA degree in Public Administration and Political Science, University of Botswana, 1995

Mohanad Ali Omran (Iraq)

Personal information

Date of birth: 7 July 1979

Place of birth: Baghdad

Education

2004-2007	PhD degree in Political Science at Al-Nahrian University
2001-2003	MA degree in Political Science at Al-Nahrian University
1997-2000	BA degree in Political Science at Al-Nahrian University

Work experience

2008-present	First Secretary, member of the Iraqi permanent delegation in New York
2005-2008	Second Secretary in the Policy Planning Department, Head of the Political Affairs Section at the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2004-2005	Third Secretary in the Europe Department, Head of South Europe Section at the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Languages

English

Arabic (mother tongue)

Courses taken

- Certificate in International Security from the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, March 2007
- Certificate in International Relations from Clingendael (Netherlands Institute of International Relations) in The Hague, March 2006
- Certificate in Diplomacy from the Institution of Security and Diplomacy Studies in Birmingham University, United Kingdom, March 2005
- Certificate in Diplomatic Concepts from the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security in Seoul, November 2004

George Morara Orina (Kenya)

Second Counsellor
Kenya Mission to the United Nations, New York

Date of birth: 15 January 1972, Nyamira, Kenya

Languages: English, Kiswahili and Ekegusil (mother tongue)

Work experience

October 2008-present	Second Counsellor, Kenya Mission to the United Nations, New York. In charge of Administrative and Budgetary Committee issues
April 2007-September 2008	Second Counsellor, Africa and African Union Directorate, in charge of Horn of Africa Countries — bilateral relations
January 2006-March 2007	Assistant Secretary II and I, Cabinet Office, Office of the President
July 2000-January 2006	Assistant Secretary III and II, Directorate of Personnel Management, Office of the President
July 1997-July 2000	Assistant Secretary III, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, later the Ministry of Tourism, Trade and Industry

Major assignments

2008-present	Fifth Committee Expert and lead negotiator on all agenda items before the Committee
2008-2010	Delegate to the Committee on Conferences and Vice-Chair for 2010 session
July 2010	Coordinator, Fifth Committee field trip to the United Nations Logistics Base, the United Nations Mission in the Sudan, the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur, the Economic Commission for Africa, United Nations entities in Addis Ababa, the United Nations Office at Nairobi, the United Nations Political Office for Somalia (UNPOS) and the United Nations Support Office for the African Union Mission in Somalia (UNSOA)
June 2010	Leader, Kenya delegation to the Global Conference on Cluster Munitions in Santiago
July 2009	Member, Fifth Committee field trip to the MONUC, Entebbe Logistics Base, the United Nations Office at Nairobi, UNSOA, UNPOS and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes Region
2008-2010	Delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination
June 2008	Member, Kenya delegation to the 7th Ordinary Session of the Pan-African Postal Union Plenipotentiary Conference in Cairo

October 2007	Member, Kenya delegation to the Intergovernmental Authority on Development Conflict Early Warning Mechanism in Khartoum
August 2007-May 2008	Member, Kenya delegation to the Ministerial Committee of the Countries of the Region on the Comoros (the Anjouan Crisis)
February 2008-May 2008	Member, Expert Team Monitoring the implementation of African Union decisions to resolve the crisis in the Comoros (Anjouan)
October 2000	Member, Kenya delegation to the Commonwealth Association of Public Administration and Management "Globalization, Governance and Public Service" biennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa

Education

September 2004-September 2005	London Metropolitan University — London Masters of Arts, International Public Administration (2005)
November 1990-May 1995	University of Nairobi — Nairobi Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree — Majoring in Sociology and Literature (1995)

Other training, workshops and seminars

2008	China Foreign Affairs University — Beijing Diploma — Professional Programme for Mid-Career Diplomats
2003	Kenya Institute of Administration — Nairobi Advanced Public Administration
2002	University of Connecticut, Institute of Public Service International, Hartford, Connecticut
	Certificate of Professional Development — General Management, and Seminar on Quality Management
2001	Royal Institute of Public Administration (RIPA International) — London
	International Programme on Techniques for Responsive Government, and International Programme on e-Administration

Babou Sene (Senegal)

Second Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations

Languages

French: official language

English: read, written and spoken fluently

Spanish: good understanding

Professional experience

Since September 2010: Second Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations

- In charge of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the General Assembly of the United Nations
- Manages the financial and administrative matters and protocol of the Mission
- Facilitated the Fifth Committee negotiations on the pattern of conferences during the sixty-fourth and sixty-fifth ordinary sessions of the General Assembly
- Facilitated the Fifth Committee negotiations on the closed peacekeeping operations during the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly
- Vice-coordinator of the Group of African Experts in the Fifth Committee
- Member of the lead negotiators for the Group of 77 and China for the following agenda items: United Nations budget for the biennium 2010-2011, human resources management, United Nations common system, programme planning, United Nations and peacekeeping operations, International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda

June 2009: Elected Vice-Chair of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the General Assembly during its sixty-fourth ordinary session

April 2009: In charge of the Administrative and Budgetary Committee of the General Assembly and the financial and Human Resources Management of the Senegal Mission

- Representative of Senegal to the United Nations Committee on Conferences in 2008 and 2009
- Representative of Senegal at the forty-eighth (member), forty-ninth (observer) and fiftieth (observer) sessions of the United Nations Committee for Programme and Coordination, held in New York in 2008, 2009 and 2010, respectively

November 2007: Posted as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations in New York

- Representative of Senegal to the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) of the General Assembly

2005/2006 and 2006/2007: Adjunct Professor at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration — Cycle B/Section: Diplomatic

May 2006-November 2007: Chief of the Ceremonial Bureau in the Protocol Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Senegal

December 2005-May 2006: Office manager in the Department of Legal and Consular Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

February 2002-October 2005: First Secretary at the Consulate General of Senegal in Bordeaux (France):

- Chargé d'affaires a.i.
- Chief of Chancery, in charge of the Administrative and Financial Management

September 1999-February 2002: Posted as First Secretary at the Consulate General of Senegal in Paris

July 2001-February 2002: Chief of the Passport and Travel Documents Bureau at the Consulate General of Senegal in Paris

September 1999-July 2001: In charge of the Human and Financial Resources Management at the Consulate General of Senegal in Paris

July 1998-September 1999: Bureau chief in the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

August 1992-July 1998: Chief of the Western Europe Bureau in Department of Europe — America — Oceania of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Academic studies

2001/2002: Law degree from Paris I University, Pantheon Sorbonne (Paris)

1997: Advanced Professional Training in Development Diplomacy at the Public Administration Promotion Centre in Berlin

- Participation in the Endangered Peace Model 1997 organized by the German Ministry of Cooperation in Berlin

1990-1992: Ecole Nationale d'Administration — Cycle B — Section: Diplomatie

Training and seminars

June 2009: Migration Law UNITAR — New York

May 2009: Workshop on negotiation on international conferences — UNITAR/ International Organization of la Francophonie — New York

July 2008: International Trade and the Doha Round — UNITAR — New York

May 2008: Effective public speaking and presentation skills — UNITAR

April 2008: The undertaking of treaties deposited with the Secretary-General to the United Nations and registration of treaties — UNITAR

March 2007: Refresher Courses in protocol at the Protocol Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France

Represented the Protocol Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Steering Committees of several international conferences held in Dakar between 2006 and 2007

Prepared several notes on the cooperation between Senegal and European countries in the framework of the joint Committees

December 1996: Member of the Senegalese delegation to the 8th Session of the Ministerial Conference of the International Organization of la Francophonie, held in Marrakech (Morocco)

September 1996: Protocol Course at the Institute of Diplomatic Studies in Cairo

Tesfa Alem Seyoum (Eritrea)

Summary of qualifications

- A senior member of the Diplomatic Mission of Eritrea.
- Over 40 years of successful managerial, public and diplomatic services.
- Proven experience and knowledge of diplomatic relations.
- Consistent record of accomplishment in public and diplomatic arenas.
- Excellent knowledge and experience of the United Nations system.
- Extensive experience in high-level diplomatic, administrative and budgetary issues.
- Highly knowledgeable of operations in humanitarian and conflict situations.
- Dedicated manager with steady achievement.
- Effective team player.

Professional experience

1. Permanent Mission of Eritrea to the United Nations, New York

June 2003-present	Counsellor, Deputy Permanent Representative and Head of Chancery.
January 1997-June 2003	First Secretary, Acting Deputy Permanent Representative and Head of Chancery.
June 1993-January 1997	First Secretary.

As head of economic, finance, administrative and budgetary matters; and coordination in all of the above posts; served with great dedication as Eritrea's chief delegate to the Second and Fifth Committees of the General Assembly; Economic and Social Council; Funds and Programmes; and related bodies.

- Delegate to all the regular sessions of the General Assembly since 1993.
- Chief delegate to the Committee for Programme and Coordination (2011-2013).
- Chief delegate to the Commission on Sustainable Development (2010-2012).
- Candidate to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions at the sixty-fourth session (2009) of the General Assembly.
- Member of the Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting (2009-2011).
- Facilitated/co-facilitated and negotiated many draft resolutions and decisions in the Second and Fifth Committees, including the landmark decision (2007/32) on the UNDP Strategic Plan 2008-2011 (DP/2007/43). Statement upon adoption in document E/2007/35, annex 2.
- Member of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) from 2004 to 2006.

- Vice-President in the Bureau of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA in 2005.
- Led a group of Board members to Lombok, Indonesia, as part of the joint field visit of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme (WFP) (8-22 March 2006) and coauthored a draft report of the visit (E/ICEF/2006/CRP.16).
- Served as Rapporteur of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board field visit to Ukraine (10-16 May 2004) and authored a draft report of the visit (DP/FPA/2004/CRP.4).
- Coordinated activities of diplomats at the Permanent Mission in New York.
- Served as Chargé d'affaires a.i. for a total of 24 months (9 and 3 straight months respectively at one time) in the absence of the Permanent Representative(s).
- As Head of Chancery, managed the Mission for effective and efficient operation; supervised administrative and support staff; coordinated and compiled periodic Mission reports to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the capital.
- Featured in the front page of the *New York Times* on 22 October 1995 (during the "United Nations at 50 Summit") as one of the multitasking diplomats at considerable sacrifice.
- As the administrative and finance officer of the Mission from June 1993 to January 1997, handled the accounting and administrative tasks and all protocol matters.
- Having been the first diplomat appointed in New York, established the new Permanent Mission after Eritrea's membership (182nd member) to the United Nations on 28 May 1993.

2. Eritrean Relief Committee, Inc. (ERC-USA), New York City (humanitarian non-governmental organization)

November 1982-December 1992 Executive Director

As Chief Executive Officer of the organization based in New York City, carried responsibilities, under the guidance of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee, for the overall operations of the organization to achieve its three principal objectives: publicizing the plight and humanitarian needs of the Eritrean people and of the Horn of Africa affected by war and natural disasters (drought/famine); soliciting funds (resource mobilization) in cash and in kind to meet their needs; and managing the funds that were entrusted to the corporation by the donor community. ERC was incorporated in the State of New York as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) humanitarian organization.

- Developed awareness and outreach programmes to educate the general American public, governmental/non-governmental agencies and private foundations about the humanitarian needs in Eritrea and the Horn of Africa:
    - Established or reinstated 38 branches in major cities of the United States.

- Led a *CBS Evening News* TV crew from New York to the conflict areas of Eritrea in 1985 and upon return aired the dire humanitarian need on five consecutive segments on their prime time Evening News broadcast.
- Led a group of 10 United States-based international humanitarian non-governmental organizations in 1986 on a fact-finding mission to the conflict areas of Eritrea and published a report on the humanitarian need there that the United Nations (WFP) shared.
- Facilitated a visit of the *National Geographic* magazine team to Eritrea who, upon return, wrote a detailed article in the September 1985 issue on the humanitarian situation there.
- Testified before the United States Congress — the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Organizations and the Subcommittee on Africa — in Washington, D.C., on 16 October 1985 on human rights violations in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Ethiopia.

• Planned and implemented fundraising (resource mobilization) programmes among the American public, governmental/non-governmental agencies, the organization's branches and the Eritrean communities around the country. Raised the resources mobilization level, in cash and in kind, from an annual $316,000 in 1982 to $21 million in 1985. Travelled to the major cities extensively to organize and speak at fundraising events in the entire 10-year tenure.

• Having been responsible for the management/administration of the corporation's resources, managed staff and over 500 volunteers in the 38 branches, maintained audited (by independent/external auditors) financial reports for public consumption, as required by law, and other periodic management reports and updated the inventory of the agency's assets. The organization was recognized as one of the most efficient humanitarian agencies, with an administrative overhead of only 8 per cent.

3. United Bible Societies, Africa Regional Centre, Nairobi, Kenya (International non-governmental organization)

June 1975-July 1979 Regional Accounts and Budget Analyst for Africa

Under the Regional Management Consultant for Africa (based in Nairobi), having been promoted to the Regional Centre from the National Office in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa) where the candidate served as senior accountant and business manager for six years to be the first Accounts and Budget Analyst for Africa, undertook the responsibility of producing a running analysis of budgets and financial reports from 24 national offices within the Africa region and was responsible for the general running of the Africa Regional Centre's office in Nairobi.

• Conducted thorough examinations of annual budgets submitted by the 24 national offices in the Africa region in preparation for their consideration by the Regional Centre's senior staff and presentation to the Africa Region's Executive Committee.

• Examined and analysed quarterly and annual financial reports from the national offices in the region and compared them with current approved budgets.

- Visited several national offices in the region to assist them in establishing proper accounting systems and internal management controls.
- Re-established the national office in Luanda in January 1977, after the civil war which had shuttered the country.
- Delivered 11 lectures on accounting principles and internal control at a seminar organized by the United Bible Societies Africa Regional Centre in March/April 1977 at the Limuru Conference Centre, in Kenya, for representatives from 19 English-speaking national offices.
- Having been responsible for the running of the Regional Centre, verified and paid all due bills; dealt with host country (Kenya) requirements; supervised local staff; and kept proper inventory and records of the Regional Centre's properties (both movable and immovable).

Volunteer work

- Board Member, Eritrean Relief Association, Khartoum, 1982-1993
- Chairman of Eritrean Students Association, Dallas, Texas, United States of America, 1981-1982
- Relief worker, Eritrean Relief Committee Inc., Kansas/Texas, United States of America, 1979-1982
- Treasurer, Minority Cultural Organization, Sterling College, Kansas, United States of America, 1980-1981
- Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee, Eritrean Community in Kenya, Nairobi, 1977-1979
- Relief worker, Eritrean Relief Association, Kenya Branch, 1976-1979
- Treasurer and member of the Executive Committee, Scripture Union of Ethiopia, Addis Ababa, 1972-1975

Educational background

- MBA in International Organizations candidate, Euclid University
- BBA in Accounting, University of Texas at Dallas, 1982
- Junior Class completed, Liberal Arts with Accounting Emphasis, Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas, 1981 (transferred to University of Texas). Award for Excellence in Campus Leadership from the Association of Colleges of Central Kansas Minority Council, 1980-1981
- Diploma in Accounting, Haile Selassie I University, College of Business, Extension/Evening Division, Addis Ababa, 1970-1974

Short courses and seminars

- Seminar on International Intellectual Property, UNITAR, New York, 27 March 2007
- Workshop on Election to United Nations organs, UNITAR, New York, 21-22 March 2007

- Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, Cycle I, Intel/UNITAR Campus, New York, 6 February-23 April 2004
- New communication technologies and diplomacy, Intel/UNITAR Campus, United Nations, New York, 20-22 August 2003
- Intellectual Property: Workshop on Challenges and Opportunities in the 21st Century, World Intellectual Property Organization/UNITAR, United Nations, New York, 1 March 2001
- Workshop for African Diplomats on the Legal Aspects of External Debt Management and Negotiations, UNITAR, United Nations, New York, 23-25 February 2000
- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation for Diplomats, Institute of World Affairs, Salisbury, Connecticut, United States of America, 10-15 June 1997
- Structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions, UNITAR, New York, 1994
- Management by Objective, World Vision International, Nairobi, March 1978
- Successful Management Communication, Management Training and Advisory Centre, Kenya Ministry of Labour (partnership project with the United Nations Development Programme/International Labour Organization), Nairobi, September 1969
- Accounting Training Course, United Bible Societies, Africa Regional Centre, Nairobi, September/October 1969

International conferences attended

- Member of the delegation of Eritrea to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 12-23 June 2012
- Head of the delegation to the High-level meeting on Information and Communications Technology and Sustainable Urbanization, Hong Kong, China, 14-18 April 2012
- Member of the delegation to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Istanbul, Turkey, 9-13 May 2011
- Member of the delegation to the High-level Plenary meeting of the General Assembly on the Millennium Development Goals, New York, 20-22 September 2010
- Member of the delegation to the Conference on the World Financial and Economic Crisis and Its Impact on Development, General Assembly, New York, 24-26 June 2009
- Member of the delegation to the high-level meeting on Africa's development needs, General Assembly, New York, 22 September 2008
- Member of the delegation to the high-level meeting for a comprehensive review of the progress achieved in realizing the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS and Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS, General Assembly, New York, 10-11 June 2008

- Member of the delegation to the thematic debate on the Millennium Development Goals on the theme "Recognizing the achievements, addressing the challenges and getting back on track to achieve the MDGs by 2015", General Assembly, New York, 1-3 April 2008
- Member of the delegation to the Commemorative high-level plenary meeting devoted to the follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children, General Assembly, New York, 11-12 December 2007
- Member of the delegation to the High-level event convened by the Secretary-General on climate change, New York, 24 September 2007
- Alternate Head of Delegation to the Ministerial Conference of the Least Developed Countries, on the theme "Making globalization work for the least developed countries", Istanbul, Turkey, 8-11 July 2007
- Member of the delegation to the high-level plenary meeting of the sixtieth session, General Assembly, New York, 15 September 2005
- Member of the delegation to the twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children, New York, 5-10 May 2002
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the International Conference on Financing for Development, Monterrey, Mexico, 18-22 March 2002
- Member of the delegation to the twenty-sixth special session of the General Assembly on HIV/AIDS, New York, 25-27 June 2001
- Member of the delegation to the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), New York, 6-8 June 2001
- Member of the delegation to the Millennium Summit of the United Nations, New York, 6-8 September 2000
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly, on the theme "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", Geneva, 26-30 June 2000
- Member of the delegation to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, on the theme "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", New York, 5-9 June 2000
- Member of the delegation to the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, New York, 27-28 September 1999
- Deputy Head of Delegation to the Meeting of the General Assembly to Commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, New York, 10-11 December 1998
- Member of the delegation to the Special Commemorative Meeting of the General Assembly on the Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, New York, 22-24 October 1995

Additional qualifications

- Excellent knowledge of computer software and information technology
- Some knowledge of computer hardware
- Very good communication skills